

June 30, 2011

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and member Higgins attending. Board member Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Asst. Chief Dixon; Comm. Maynard; Jeff Pruitt – Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana; Cammy Daws; Mandy Roos; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now have a Swearing In for newly appointed Fire Chief Wes Dixon, and Asst. Chief Ryan Harms. He stated former Chief Waters will be retiring July 4 after more than 30 years of service. Asst. Chief Dixon, with 15 years on the department, will be stepping up to Chief effective July 5, 2011, and Mr. Harms, with eight years on, will take over as Asst. Chief on July 5, 2011.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Dixon and Mr. Harms, who were then congratulated by the Board.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated they have been having issues with Heritage's gas pumps being down from time to time, due to equipment malfunctions. He asked for permission to contact Shell and Hucks to inquire about a gas card from one of them, to be kept in his office, for emergency use only when Heritage's pumps are down.

Board member Higgins asked his preference, Shell or Hucks ?

Chief Beloit replied he has no preference, he would just like permission to proceed with contacting them.

Board member Higgins moved permission to proceed be given, and Chief Beloit will then report back to the Board in two weeks on what he has found out. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloit then stated he will be running their ad for a hiring list and testing will be held on July 29 at 8:00 am at Mount Vernon High School. He added they do not have any openings at this time, this is just to keep the hiring list up.

Chief Beloit continued his report by stating there will be a Neighborhood Watch Meeting for Council District 1 on July 21 at 7:00 pm at the Hovey House. He concluded his report by stated he spoke with Expressway and they have indicated the new patrol car should be in next week.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Asst. Chief Dixon stated the department has hired Matt Johnson, whose training will be completed very soon. All of his physical exam information has been sent to the State, though he does not have a start date as of yet – probably the middle of July. He then stated as a result of the new hire, he will ordering turn out gear around the first of next week.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated Keiffer Brothers arrived this week and they have installed a fence at the Mill Creek location on W. 2nd Street for their equipment, which will arrive next week. He added the project is set to begin July 5.

Board member Higgins asked if there will be a kick off celebration?

Supt. Givens replied maybe on the 6th when Mayor Tucker and some others will be in the area.

Board member Higgins added this is such a big project, she figured they would have a ground breaking or something.

Supt. Givens replied Mayor Tucker can do the “first dig”.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Maynard stated he has a street cut permit and check for the cut from American Environmental for the remediation work they will be doing at the BP Station on 4th Street.

Mayor Tucker moved the street cut be permitted for the work at the BP Station by American Environmental. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Maynard continued by stating asked that the press please notify residents that INDOT will be here July 7 and 8 to repair the intersection at 4th and Main Streets. He added they will be digging out half of the area down to the base and repaving. He stated Main Street will be shut down between 4th and 5th both days and semis will be routed at the by-pass. Again, he added, this is an INDOT project. Mayor Tucker added this is a needed project.

Comm. Maynard continued his report by stating Phase 1 paving is complete and it will be paid by EDIT money. Phase 2 will begin at a later date with payment made from the regular paving budget.

Board member Higgins stated she hears it is going to be a bad mosquito season and asked if the Street Department was ready ?

Comm. Maynard replied they have already been out spraying four to five nights a week for some time now.

Board member Higgins again stated she heard it is going to be a bad mosquito season.

Comm. Maynard stated they are doing all they can, but they can't kill them all.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied she has none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Mandy Roos approached and stated a soldier will be coming home from Afghanistan July 2, Jason Saum, and there will be a motorcycle brigade following him from about I64 all the way to town. She added there will be riders from Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana and could number anywhere from 20 to 150 or more. She stated they will only be doing a "pass through" on Main to the Soldiers and Sailors Monument and then to his home on W. 4th Street. She added this should be anywhere between 4:00 and 4:30 pm. She stated she has already coordinated with the Sheriff's Office and she has talked with Chief Beloit as well – there will also be flags put out around town.

Mayor Tucker stated the city will do all they can to help and stated she is to contact Chief Beloit if there are any other concerns.

Ms. Roos thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer